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Executive Summary

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: 25, 28-29 January Tasking re Current Crises

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1. During the 25 January debrief, the Director recapped events at the several meetings held on the 24th as well as the regular meeting of the 25th and asked the following be undertaken:

- a. He asked that the Administration's current six-point approach (for dealing with Iran re the hostage issue-- designed to be more forthcoming and offer opportunities for "movement" in the negotiation/bargaining) be reviewed and any ideas regarding either it (changes, additions, deletions, etc.) or how the Administration should approach the new government in Iran be passed to him. (Action: Anyone with any ideas provide DCI/DDCI directly, providing copies to Iran Task Force)
- b. Noting that at the SCC on the 25th David Aaron tasked State (Hal Saunders) for a paper addressing the question "What is State doing to define/analyze US objectives in Afghanistan," the Director asked that we add our own paper to the general treatment of this subject, from our perspective. He expressed interest in defining the range of alternatives of what we could push for/hope for regarding the Afghan situation. The Director noted two possible options the Soviets might have (in near future make significant reduction of forces, call it a "victory," have a "MAAG" and accept control only of government; or really put in significantly more force and subjugate the country) and discussed these with those present. Finally he asked that these types of questions with answers be pulled together (including treatment of what options the Soviets and the US have? What is achievable by the Soviets? by the insurgents?) (Action: Afghan Task Force with NIO/USSR-EE, due COB 30 January)
- c. The Director asked that special attention be paid to any signs of movement of additional Soviets into Afghanistan and that he be kept informed (with our assessment of what such movement means) and that we cover in a timely way in PDB/NID. (Action: Afghan Task Force, continuing item)

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- d. The Director also asked that we summarize what we know about possible Soviet use of CW in Afghanistan in the NID/PDB (noting that the HASC had questioned him extensively on this, based on DIA testimony, on the 24th). (Action: Afghan Task Force, by 29 January) [ ]

2. During the debrief on the 28th the Director asked for the following inputs:

- a. Noting that we will be consulting with our Allies re possible abrogation of the US-Soviet Maritime Agreement; and noting that while the current agreement specifically names 40 US ports the Soviets can enter without special permission (and they have asked and received permission to enter 20 more); and noting that the US currently only uses 5 (of theoretical limit of 40) Soviet ports; the Director asked if anyone could see any reason for US to push for getting into other 35 Soviet ports (for intelligence reasons). (Action: DD/CT, DDO, NFAC, provide inputs directly to DCI/DDCI)
- b. The Director indicated there was no clear sense (by SCC) as to why the Soviets were sending increasing numbers of senior military officers into Afghanistan. This was discussed around the table, but some pulling together and treatment in, say, PDB/NID might be worthwhile. (Action: Afghan Task Force, to coordinate with NIO/USSR)
- c. Re Bani-Sadr and recent election, the Director wants to ensure full treatment of what his success may mean to us (and the hostages), and how we might best deal with him. (Action: Iran Task Force and [ ] due 30 January) [ ]

3. During the DD/NFA debrief on the 29th (the DCI was on the Hill and did not attend the SCC), the following actions were requested:

- a. Noting the SCC directed DoD to be helpful (quickly) to Tunisian requests for military equipment following 28 January Libyan-backed commando raid, DD/NFA asked that we be especially attentive to events in Tunisia. (Action: OPA)

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- c. The DD/NFA described the concern for treatment of the activity (possible exercise) involving the Soviet Brigade in Cuba. He noted that this was to be the subject of a meeting of the [ ] group; that steps were being taken to develop the US position with respect to events in Cuba; that all agencies were to refrain from reporting in their general distribution publications (e.g. NID, not PDB); that an SR-71 flight was being considered, both to get information and to send a message. He asked that all the facts regarding this activity be pulled together and provided [ ] and himself. (Action: OSR, due COB 29 January) 25X A
- d. Noting that he had advised SCC of reporting of Soviets rounding up and machine-gunning Afghans in an unnamed town in northeastern Afghanistan, DD/NFA asked that the analysis of this report (source, language used, etc.) be available for Wednesday (30 January) SCC meeting. (Action: Afghan Task Force, due COB 29 January) [ ] 25X1A
4. Please advise PB/NSC when required actions completed. [ ] 25X1

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